

Panel Discussion (contd); TPO-0027

1 MS. PAIGE KNIGHT: There aren't
2 going to be any monitoring things, they're
3 aren't going to be any of the things you're
4 asking about, because we're not going to let
5 this happen. That's the answer.

6 **TPO-0027** MS. JOYCE FOUINGSTED: Thank
7 you. One last question. We have planes going
8 into buildings; we have, in other countries,
9 cars and trucks going into various compounds,
10 buildings, and so forth, blowing things up, so
11 have they looked at one of the drivers running
12 this truck loaded with all these goodies into
13 some major, you know, like, pick it, the
14 federal building downtown, whatever?

15 MR. MICHAEL COLLINS: Not a --
16 there's been no specific accident onsite
17 analyzed for a truck loaded with anything
18 crashing --

19 Well, that's not true. Some of our
20 accident analysis do include just our normal --
21 a truck just normally operating, accidentally
22 crashing into places and starting a fire, an
23 explosion, and that sort of thing.

24 We don't look at anything like a
25 federal building, which is outside the

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1 boundaries of Hanford being hit by a truck.
2 MS. JOYCE FOUINGSTED: Well,
3 that needs to be included.
4 MR. MICHAEL COLLINS: That's a
5 comment, by the way?
6 MS. JOYCE FOUINGSTED: Yes,
7 that's a comment.
8 MR. DEE WILLIS: Anybody else?
9 This lady here in blue.
10 MS. MARILYN LAMB: Marilyn
11 Lamb.
12 Assuming that, you know, after the
13 failure, eventual failure, inevitable failure
14 of the liner in 10 to 30 years, assuming the
15 next generation does not chose to glow, is
16 there a fund set aside to repair these things?
17 MR. MICHAEL COLLINS: Not right
18 now. What happens at DOE is we get an annual
19 appropriation from Congress.
20 And right now, Congress, even though
21 we've asked a few times, Congress has not
22 allowed us to set aside money now for future
23 actions.
24 MS. MARILYN LAMB: So we just,
25 you know, blow this off, right?

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1 MR. GERRY POLLET: Let me just
2 say, we had this debate last night in
3 La Grande. One of the things that the Advisory
4 Board, and others, and Heart of America has
5 asked is for them to charge the full, long-term
6 burden of costs, including the monitoring costs
7 and the closure cost, a perpetual care fund,
8 essentially, cost to the generator.

9 And if the generator pays, they will
10 do more treatment and waste minimization. We
11 know that's true.

12 And it's a very serious impact to
13 not charge the generator. They don't charge
14 the generator those full costs.

15 And we think that they need to
16 examine it. We're not the only ones who think
17 they need to examine it. Congress actually
18 directed DOE to report back on doing this. And
19 DOE opposes doing it.

20 And the Secretary of Energy wrote
21 Congress last summer and said, "We're not going
22 to charge the generator the full, long-term
23 burden costs. We're not going to have a trust
24 fund."

25 "But we will, quote, 'fully

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1 consider,' unquote, the long-terms burden costs
2 of disposal in any decision." You don't have
3 that standard met here.

4 MS. MARILYN LAMB: Can we fire
5 those people?

6 MR. GERRY POLLET: You know how
7 you fire the Secretary of Energy, don't you?

8 MS. MARILYN LAMB: A regime
9 change.

10 MR. DEE WILLIS: Okay, next
11 question. Doug, did you want to respond to
12 that?

13 MR. DOUG HUSTON: No. No. I'm
14 the microphone holder here.

15 MR. DEE WILLIS: I have a
16 question here in the back, Nancy, and then
17 we'll go to you.

18 MR. BOB HEDLUND: Yeah, Bob
19 Hedlund. You know, the last president said
20 that Clinton made a deal with the Russians to
21 try to take care of some of their plutonium.
22 How much of this 70,000 truckloads of stuff is
23 coming from overseas? Any of it?

24 MR. MICHAEL COLLINS: That's my
25 understanding, is supposedly that's not waste.

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1 Assuming it's not waste, then none of it will
2 be. My understanding, it's all weapons-grade
3 type plutonium; and I assume it's stored in a
4 secured vault somewhere.

5 MR. DEE WILLIS: Did everybody
6 get the question? Okay. Nancy?

7 MS. NANCY METRICK: Again, I'd
8 like to stress a little bit, I mean, kind of
9 answer that question about the thing, or why
10 isn't the generator paying for this.

11 Well, because the generator, in
12 general, is the nuclear industry. And we
13 support the nuclear industry with our tax
14 dollars on all levels.

15 We support it with paying for it,
16 taxes; then we support the, quote/unquote,
17 "peaceful use of the atom" with our hard-earned
18 cash for the energy it generates.

19 And then we support the "cleanup" of
20 that, cleanup being in quotes, for the rest of
21 eternity with our tax dollars. And this is how
22 it works.

23 And this lines somebody's pockets.
24 And that's where this whole thing should really
25 be focused is who is making the money.

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1 We know what's what this really is
2 about. We know that those are the interests
3 that our government is really serving.

4 And that is what the American public
5 and the international public -- well, the
6 international public's a hell of a lot more
7 aware of it than we are.

8 But that is what the American public
9 needs to be asking.

10 MR. DEE WILLIS: Any other,
11 more questions, comments? Okay. Panel, thank
12 you.

13 We have one more comment here, or
14 question.

15 MR. TIM STEARNS: Hi, this is
16 Tim Stearns again. And I was just reading the
17 May 6th Spokesman Review article with Karen
18 Dornsteel.

19 And Mr. Klein is quoted as saying,
20 "We aren't seeing evidence of releases from the
21 modern practices of the last 20 years,
22 including the low-level burial grounds."

23 And the question to me is: In the
24 last 20 years we've continued to put stuff in
25 unlined burial grounds; and, you know, what are

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1 we doing different?

2 What are the modern practices he's
3 describing? Or is this kind of saying "We're
4 not going to ever put anything in unlined,
5 uncapped burial grounds again"?

6 I'm trying to understand what the
7 modern practices are over the last 20 years.
8 Thank you.

9 MR. GERRY POLLET: You may have
10 missed this. But I put that quote up on the
11 overhead and I put up the slide of --

12 MR. DEE WILLIS: You're not
13 getting recorded.

14 MR. GERRY POLLET: You missed
15 this. But I put up the quote and the slide of
16 the photograph of the, quote, "modern disposal
17 practices." And, quoted, you know --

18 In the last 20 years, we know and
19 Ecology has done a terrific job documenting
20 this in the administrative order of April 30th
21 about the burial grounds, that wastes placed in
22 the burial grounds in the last 20 years have
23 already released and are contaminating the soil
24 and have reached groundwater.

25 And the fact of the matter is,

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1 Mr. Klein, I joked, the only document by DOE
2 that he's apparently read, I would gather, is
3 this EIS, which doesn't address the impacts of
4 the burial grounds, because anywhere else he
5 looked, he'd find that there's no groundwater
6 monitoring to meet legal standards; that we've
7 got wastes reaching groundwater; we've got
8 transuranic waste drums placed within -- since
9 1988, in the burial grounds; we've got releases
10 from the 1988 trenches.

11 MR. DEE WILLIS: The question
12 is: What are the modern practices.

13 MR. MICHAEL COLLINS: I wasn't
14 there at the interview. But I'm speculating
15 part of the answer is is the three lined
16 trenches that we have now that we do dispose of
17 waste in.

18 MR. GERRY POLLET: I've talked
19 to the reporter, he was asked about the unlined
20 burial grounds. He was addressing the unlined
21 burial grounds, the low-level waste burial
22 grounds. And that was his answer.

23 MR. DEE WILLIS: Okay.

24 Mr. Stearns, are you satisfied?

25 MR. TIM STEARNS: Yeah, thank

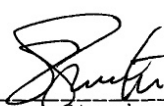
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